
By: **Delegate Owings**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Passage of Examinations or Assessments - Prohibition as a**
3 **Graduation Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from using passage of a
5 single examination or assessment or a series of examinations or assessments as
6 a requirement for graduation from a public high school; and generally relating
7 to prohibiting passage of examinations as a requirement for graduation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 7-205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-205.

17 (a) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE
18 promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public high school
19 shall be in accordance with:

20 (1) Policies established by the county board; and

21 (2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

22 (b) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive
23 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the
24 course taken.

25 (2) The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has completed
26 a program of studies satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of the State
27 Board.

1 (C) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT USE PASSAGE OF A SINGLE EXAMINATION OR
2 ASSESSMENT OR A SERIES OF EXAMINATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS AS A REQUIREMENT
3 FOR GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect July 1, 2003.